

## Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Service Committee

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Greetings,

My name is Toni Kincaid. It's my privilege to serve as a committee member of the Arlington Martin Luther King (MLK) Four Day Celebration Committee Inc. and as Chair of the Arlington MLK Day of Service. This year the Arlington MLK Celebration will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

The Arlington MLK Day of Service will take place on Monday, January 20, 2014.

What is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service?

After a long struggle, legislation was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off." The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community" (www.mlkday.gov).

As a part of our initiative, The MLK Day of Service Committee invites all branches of our Nations Armed Forces to join us for a recognition breakfast beginning at 9:00 am. Like most in our country, we believe that we would not be able to see our dreams realized without the great sacrifice given by our men and women in uniform. It gives or committee great pleasure in honoring YOU on this day. The breakfast will be held at UTA\Maverick Athletics Center (500 Nedderman Drive, Arlington) at 9:00 am. After the breakfast there will an Empowerment Fair. Vendors from various venues will be present. Also, there will be an opportunity for Veterans to serve in the community, if they desire to do so.

Participants can sign up with your organization or they can sign up on our website, <a href="www.ArlingtonMLK.com">www.ArlingtonMLK.com</a>. If you are signing up participants (and not utilizing the website), please send Sharon Jones their names by January 15, 2014.

We are excited about your participation in our event, and look forward to honoring you on January 20, 2014.

Please contact Sharon Jones via e-mail at sharon.jones@arlintontx.gov or via telephone, 817-459-6465.

Best regards,

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Toni Kincaid Chair – Arlington MLK Day of Service

MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF!